

St. John Vianney Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2021 (Zoom)

PRESENT:

- **Council Members:** Fr. Jim Vrba, Deacon Daryl Fortin, Bob Baldes, Mark Blaser, Steph Bray, Joan Byrne, Martin Corrigan, Ann Fisher, Ron Immesoete, Eleanor Kiel, Kathy Langley, Les Lipinski, Joe Morales, Jeannie Moran, Deb Sullivan, Tom Sunderbruch, Tom Touney
- **Staff / Visiting Committee Members:** Christy Barnum, Judy Benevento, Dan Drescher, Mitch Narvasa, Deb Morse, Dan Schlader, Jan Stevenson

OPENING PRAYER (Fr. Jim) The opening prayer was from the Sisters of St. Benedict newsletter and based on Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, *A Time for Everything*.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 12, 2021 MINUTES (Deb Sullivan) The minutes were sent in advance and no changes were requested. Ron motioned to accept, Ann seconded, and the minutes were approved as written.

MEETING AGENDA REVIEW (Deb Sullivan) The agenda was sent in advance. The content was approved with a change in sequence to facilitate discussion.

BETTENDORF CATHOLIC STUDY UPDATE (Fr. Jim) Bishop Zinkula will soon draft a letter of guidance on the next steps. Our Lady of Lourdes church and school will relocate and St. John Vianney will remain in its current location. Both parishes need to work together to move forward in a smooth and timely manner due to the condition of the current buildings. Immediate next steps would be to assign a project manager and launch the feasibility study for funding and the timeline. The first construction would be a new education center for both elementary and adult education with a small chapel to accommodate 200 people. Thanks go out to the steering committee and all who helped us get to the final report and recommendations.

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS (Fr. Jim) The next steps require herd immunity, which is not expected for several more months. As Mass attendance increases, restructuring of the seating map may occur to accommodate more participants. Other events and activities are being examined for re-start as they come up on the calendar.

COMMITTEE / STAFF REPORTS (Deb Sullivan) Committee reports were sent in advance and were accepted as submitted. Religious Education is creating videos of religious stories and volunteer readers would be welcomed.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER (Eleanor Kiel): Reservations are required for all Holy Week Masses and seating will be assigned for Sunday. We will embrace the festive Easter spirit, possibly with outdoor brass and choir performances.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS (Fr. Jim): Everyone needs to get the word out for potential new Parish Council members for next year. We will need three members and one alternate, to be selected during Mass in May.

COMMISSION / COMMITTEE ROSTER UPDATE (Deb Sullivan): The current commission chart was reviewed for any required updates. This living document, which highlights the tremendous amount of activity present in our parish, will be added as an addendum to our parish constitution.

PASTOR REPORT (Fr. Jim) Continued thanks go out to the staff, who have facilitated many valuable and fun activities, such as phone calls to parishioners and the Mardi Gras donuts and Lent materials; our creative ministry continues through the COVID issues. Bishop Zinkula will name the new priestly assignments prior to Easter. The Fr. Jim 'farewell' Masses will be June 12-13. He will move to his new house around that time to allow the rectory to be refreshed for the new pastor. While starting to hand over the reins to the new pastor in May, Fr. Jim will still be around through June, and is looking forward to several more months of work and fun.

PARISH CONCERNS / OTHER BUSINESS (All Participants) Work will continue on updates to the Parish Priority Plan milestones, which need to be adjusted due to the effects of COVID-19 on our schedule.

CLOSING PRAYER (Fr. Jim) The closest disciple to Jesus was his mother; we said a Hail Mary to ask for her continued intercession through Lent and to give thanks to God for His resurrection.

Submitted by Marty Corrigan, Secretary